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## A Timely Sale of Blankets &amp; Comforts

Just when "the weather" is calling for additional bed covering, come these very EXCEPTIONAL VALUES in popular kinds—a mammoth special sale in which only worthiest qualities are involved. The savings are most pronounced, especially when one considers the high class and the substantial character of goods sold by this house.

## THIRD FLOOR.

Blankets at \$1.50 a Pair.

Cotton Blankets, but in a new wool finish; size 60x76 inches; white, grey or tan pink or blue borders; silk binding.

Blankets at \$1.75 a Pair.

Extra Heavy Fleece Blankets, size 60x80 inches, in white, grey, tan, bound with silk—pink or blue borders.

Blankets at \$2.00 a Pair.

Cotton warp, with long staple wool and cotton filling, size 60x80 inches, with silk bindings.

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ARE POPULAR for many uses, and the prettiest of these are shown here in blues, browns, pinks, tans, greys and blacks. One number a most attractive value in the all-wool size, 60x80 inches—especially priced at \$2.00.

BED COMFORTS at \$2.00.

Size 72x50 inches, fine white cotton filling. These in beautiful floral and Oriental designs, bordered edges, an excellent value. Others at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00 each.

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Blankets at \$4.50 a Pair.

White Wool Blankets, strictly all-wool filling, size 72x52 inches, silk bound, plaid or blue borders—a weight that cannot be duplicated for this price.

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## TYPHOID SCARES HURT OYSTERMEN

Annual Report of Fish Commission Discusses Condition of Industry.

HARD TO POLICE JAMES RIVER

Pure Food Fads Cause Decline of One-Half in Price of Product.

Pure food fads and "polluted oyster" scares have done incalculable damage to the oyster industry of Virginia, and have cost the workers of Virginia not less than a million dollars a year for the past four years. Such is the assertion made in the annual report of W. McDonald Lee and the Commission of Fisheries, made public yesterday.

As a result, the demand for oysters has decreased, and only their great increase in the public grounds has kept the tongsman's head above water. As it is, four years of bad markets have driven many oyster workmen into other vocations. The natural product is so low in price that it now sells for less than one-half the figure of three years ago.

The slump of three years ago caused 60 per cent. of the plant stock to be carried over, and some of this has not to this day found market, while a large part of the stock that has been turned to "tinny boxes."

It is believed that half a generation may have to pass before the inland people fully recover from the "pollution" scare. Western traders were seriously crippled, although Virginia is not so infected with typhoid germs.

Statistics show that "four Tidewater counties are less affected with typhoid than any other section, yet the large majority of our people eat raw oysters year round—summer as well as winter. And it has been demonstrated by the State Health Department that Virginia oysters are free from pollution.

The oyster-eating public took fright at the statement that oysters cropped around populous centers in the North were infected with typhoid germs, forgetting that the grounds in Virginia are far removed from contamination from sewerage. The demand for legislation governing shipment, said to emanate from patent package manufacturers and the heavy increase in express rates, have increased the cost of operation to shippers, further burdening them. "The consumer," it is said, "pays no less, the shucker gets less profit, and the grower and tongsman are left with half of the price for the oyster."

Another result of low prices has been a reduced demand for planting grounds. During four years, the leased area has fallen from 75,000 acres to a little more than 45,000.

Revenue From Grounds.

Virginia is said to derive more money in direct revenues from her oyster industry than do all the other States of the Atlantic seaboard combined, with the exception of Rhode Island, where \$5 to \$10 an acre is charged for oyster grounds, against \$1 in Virginia. The bottoms of Rhode Island are oyster gardens, highly valued because of proximity to populous centers.

The commission feels that it has largely restored productivity to the leased beds and to other oyster territory, excepting on barrenness. However, it verges the York River and the Mobjack Bay, where the oyster is nearly extinct, "unwilling to surrender a profitless right given them under the laws, the people of these two sections now, for the most part, have to go away from home in the season of oyster-planting in order to make a living. One regret—and we trust, the only one—of your commission will take out of office with it is that the York River and Mobjack Bay denied the officials the privilege of restoring their natural resources, as has been done in the Potomac Sound, the James River and other parts."

As to the James, there is repetition of the complaint that zigzag lines prevent planting. "Through failure of the last Legislature to legalize the straightening of these lines, in order to permit easy guarding by means of watch-houses or watchboats, the State has had to incur great and ever-increasing expense in patrolling this river. So-called permanent buoys have been placed at forty imaginary corners, and how long they can be maintained there is as yet a mooted question."

Education Board Meeting. The State Board of Education has been called to meet at the Capitol on January 15. The election of the school superintendent for Chesterfield county will come before this meeting.

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## WILL PASS UPON URBANNA TANGLE

Chamber to Discuss Transfer Plan and Elect Officers on Thursday Night.

MAY ELEVATE CARRINGTON

Expected That Vice-President Will Be Elected to Succeed Henry W. Wood.

Election of officers and a careful examination of the proposed sale of the Seven Pines line will be among the matters of importance to come up before the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Jefferson Hotel on Thursday night. The business session will open in the auditorium of the hotel at 8 o'clock, and will be followed by a combination smoker and buffet luncheon. It will be the most important chamber meeting of the year, and a large attendance of the membership is expected.

In addition to the matters mentioned, reports will be heard from executive officers, covering the activities of the chamber during the past year. There are being prepared now, and in the case of the president, secretary and business manager, will give valuable statistical information in regard to the progress of the city in many lines of industry. President Wood, it is understood, will have a number of important recommendations to submit touching the policy and administration of the chamber in the coming year.

To Elect New President. Interest in the new officers to be chosen centers chiefly in the selection of the president. Plenty of good material is available, but it does not seem likely that the chamber will depart from its time-honored practice of electing to the presidency the man who stands nearest in the line of promotion.

In that event it is a conservative guess that T. M. Carrington, who has served efficiently as vice-president the past year, will be selected to head the organization.

The Urbanna tangle has been the subject of so much partisan discussion during the past few weeks that the chamber has come to regard it as one of the most important questions before the city. At a meeting of the board of directors, held four weeks ago, the proposed sale of the suburban railway received its endorsement. The question was submitted to the whole membership at the meeting Thursday evening, and in all probability a vote on it will be called.

REPORT ON JAIL Commissioners Find City Hostelry in Good Condition and Well kept.

Jail Commissioners Dr. J. P. Roy, W. S. Gunn and T. D. Newell yesterday handed in their report to the Hustings court, the report showing, in effect, that the city prison was being maintained in a commendable condition.

According to the statistics submitted by the commissioners there were confined in the city jail seventy-five colored males, two white females, 122 colored males and eighteen colored females, making a total of 233 prisoners.

The report stated that the food was plentiful and good in quality, and that the jail was clean and well kept. The sanitary conditions were stated to be as good as could be expected. The report was signed by the commissioners.

Suit Instituted. Suit was instituted yesterday in the City Circuit Court by William F. O'Connor, against the American Locomotive Company and the Richmond Locomotive Works for damages in the sum of \$5,000, arising out of personal injuries sustained while at work at the company's plant in Richmond. No declaration has as yet been filed.

O'Connor is represented by L. O. Wendenburg.

Qualifies as Assessor. James H. Fordham qualified yesterday before City Clerk Ben T. Augustus as Assessor of Damages, succeeding Arthur C. Harman, resigned. He gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 with the Fidelity and Trust Company.

Clay Drewry, Jr., qualified as assistant inspector of sewers and street paving.

Qualifications in Chancery. George W. Fordham qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as administrator of James N. Fordham. The estate is valued at \$2,100.

George W. Fordham also qualified as administrator of the estate of Florence D. Fordham. The estate is valued at \$1,600.

True Bill Against Wynne. A true bill was returned yesterday by the grand jury of the Henrico county Circuit Court against W. G. Wynne, a white resident of the county, on the charge of attempting criminal mistreatment of a fifteen-year-old white girl. His trial was set for January 15.

Judgment Entered. Judgment was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by P. M. Collier against F. C. Schofield and W. P. Mayo, for \$75.

## OUR ENTIRE STOCK

Of high-class Suits and Overcoats for men and boys has been reduced in price.

Hundreds of Men's Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$28 at \$16.00

Hundreds of Boys' Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$8.50 at \$4.95

## GANS-RADY COMPANY

## SIDEWALK SNOW CAN MOVE ITSELF

That's the View of People Who Pay No Attention to City Ordinance.

Not only is it the duty of householders to remove snow from their premises, but the City Code of 1910 makes it also the duty of the owner or agent of vacant property to make similar arrangements for the convenience of the public, melting snow on the thoroughfare being held to be a common nuisance. Section 23 of chapter 27, Richmond City Code of 1910, concerning various nuisances, reads:

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"There is no record of any one having been fined under this ordinance in years. Such cases as have been reported to the Police Court have been dismissed by Police Justice Crutchfield, or the fines remitted, and in the past two or three winters the Police Department has contented itself by sending out officers on the second day after any snowfall to notify owners or tenants that it was their duty to have snow removed.

The ordinance, however, does not require this house-to-house notice that has been the custom followed by the police.

Some years ago question was raised as to the constitutionality of the ordinance, but no formal test case was made out. It was contended, however, that the sidewalk is public property and not owned or controlled by the abutting owner or tenant, he could not be compelled to keep it in order.

Since Sunday probably would not count in the enforcement of such an ordinance, and since practically all of yesterday there was a fine sleet of snow falling, it might be contended that no one is in violation of the city ordinance until noon to-day, and only then if there is no further snowfall this morning.

Already, however, there have been many inquiries to find why the Police Department has made no effort in recent years to enforce the city ordinance on the subject of snow removal.

TAKING UP VACANT LAND Grants Covering 12,000 Acres Issued During Past Year.

More land grants were taken up from the State during 1911 than in any year in recent history, according to the annual report of the Registrar of the Land Office John W. Richmond, made public yesterday. The list of abstracts has been filed by the Registrar and forwarded to the Auditor of public accounts. It shows that the grants for the year approximated 12,000 acres, whereas in former years they have been but 4,000. Copies have been put on record in the Land Office, and the originals mailed to the grantee.

Abstracts have also been sent to the clerks of the courts in the counties where the land is located, and will be by them delivered to the commissioners of the revenue for entry upon their books for taxation. Of these grants, 1,500 acres were issued on inclusive surveys, and 10,500 acres on original surveys covering vacant and unappropriated lands, situated in the following counties: Bath, Buchanan, Campbell, Craig, Fairfax, Grayson, Henrico, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Northumberland, Norfolk, Patrick, Princess Anne, Smyth, Scott and Shenandoah.

Fifty-six surveys are now on file in the Land Office, covering 2,712 acres, and on which grants will be due to issue on January 16, and there are now due for such issuance in each succeeding month up to June 8, provided no caveat issues against the making of such grants within a period of six months after the filing of the survey.

W. P. BURRELL BAILED Three Other Officers of True Reformers Must Appear at This Term.

W. P. Burrell, one of the indicted officers of the old Grand Fountain of the Order of True Reformers, appeared yesterday in the Hustings Court, and renewed his bond for his appearance for trial on February 7. He was bailed in the sum of \$5,000, Mrs. M. B. Jones and A. A. Tennant colored, acting as his surety.

The three others indicted and who were previously bailed are J. C. Robertson, Edward Ellis, Jr., and W. L. Taylor. They may renew their bond between now and the end of the present term of court. Officials say, however, no reason why they should postpone renewal of bond until the last day.

Jackson Monument Association. A meeting of the executive committee of the Stonewall Jackson Monument Association was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the office of Mayor Richardson. Tentative plans for a general campaign to raise funds for the proposed memorial were discussed.

Mr. Dunahoe Improving. Robert J. Dunahoe, of Winston-Salem, N.C., a well known traveling man, who has been ill at the Memorial Hospital, is now convalescing after a serious operation. He will return home in two weeks.

## SEAL STATEMENT BRINGS ON TALK

Publicity Agent Gets Front Page Story About Row in Gould Family.

Based on a statement issued in New York by W. Elmore Seal, a publicity agent, who is said to be now in the employ of Frank J. Gould, the New York Herald printed a story on its first page yesterday to the effect that Frank Gould had declared war on other members of his family, and that this war will be fought out in Wall Street. It is made to appear that Mr. Gould has turned against members of his family on account of their refusal to pay proper attention socially to his wife.

Having transferred some of his publicity activities to New York, Mr. Seal is said to have issued in that city a statement of earnings of the International and Great Northern Railroad with the added announcement:

"The International and Great Northern is not a Gould property. It is owned and controlled by Frank J. Gould, George J. Gould was formerly president of this road, but in the recent reorganization his brother ousted him and now presides over the meetings of the board."

"Frank J. Gould's latest move," said the Herald, "has been to open a publicity campaign in the Wall Street district, having engaged the services of W. E. Seal, of Richmond, a publicity agent at 141 Broadway, in the furtherance of his plans, and is now opposing his brother, George, in the Washington Railroad and other corporations."

The Seal statement that the International and Great Northern is not to be classed as a Gould property was seized upon as direct evidence of the family break. Reference was also made to the effort to elect R. Lancaster Williams to the presidency of one of the Gould properties a year ago, and other financial morsels are served, with more than passing reference to the divorce.

Mr. Seal telegraphed The Times-Dispatch in New York from New York that the Herald's story was utterly without foundation.

POND NOT DRAINED Fontaine Jones Explains Action of Bryan Park Keeper.

Assistant City Engineer Fontaine Jones said yesterday that while he had instructed Keeper Lane at Bryan Park to keep people against skating there on Saturday afternoon, the fact that they were ordered away was due to a misunderstanding. Mr. Jones explained that as the keeper regarded conditions as dangerous he was instructed to use his own judgment, though, he added, that the lake was never emptied. The water in certain places is fifteen feet deep, and Mr. Lane did not want to take chances with drownings. Somebody telephoned the keeper on Sunday and ordered him to empty the pond from the ice for a skating party, which would be there in the afternoon. Mr. Lane has a large oil painting of one man sweeping fifteen acres.

Mrs. Booth Here on Sunday. Maud Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteer Prison League Movement, will deliver two addresses in Richmond on Sunday, January 14. She will speak to the convicts at 10:30 A. M., and at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon she will speak in the City Auditorium. Governor Mann will preside and introduce Mrs. Booth.

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## SEIZE DISTILLERY FOR INVALID BOND

Alleged That Broad Rock Plant Gave Government Fraudulent Security.

The plant of the Broad Rock Distillery, Chesterfield county, about two miles south of South Richmond, was seized yesterday afternoon by the United States Internal Revenue Department on a charge of having given the government a fraudulent bond last May to carry on its operations. For alleged violations of the liquor laws this distillery was seized about a year ago, and was working under a special bond from the United States District Court, pending a hearing.

The seizure yesterday was made by Revenue Agent W. H. Chapman, Collector M. R. Lowry, Agent W. W. Anderson, Agent L. G. Sutt, of Littleburg, Pa., who is here on special business, and Deputies Dolan, Carter and McElrath.

A first and second mortgage, amounting to about \$5,000, were held on the plant of the Broad Rock by the National National Bank, and these were foreclosed last Saturday. In giving a bond to carry on the manufacture of liquor the Federal statutes require that the property shall be free of any encumbrances. It was not until it was found that the plant was not free of the property was held that it was decided by the local internal revenue authorities to make the seizure.

Following the seizure an investigation of conditions about the plant, which lasted until after dark, was begun, and revealed two underground tanks, which it was said, were in violation of the law. In each of these a small quantity of proof corn whiskey was found. It was intimated that a further search for similar tanks will be made to-day.

PRESENT PORTRAIT Texas Congressman Asked to Make Speech of Occasion.

Albert Sidney Burleson, member of Congress from the Austin, Tex., district, has been requested by Governor O. B. Colquitt to present to the General Assembly of Virginia the portrait of General Sam Houston, which was voted to this State by the Senate of Texas. A date will be arranged for a joint session to receive this portrait. The speech of acceptance will be made by former Attorney-General William A. Anderson, of Yorkbridge, the county of General Houston's birth.

Mr. Burleson is a descendant of one of the Burlesons who fought with General Houston to establish Texas independence.

Address Railroad Club. The Relation of the Technical College to Railroads will be the subject of an address to be delivered Friday night before the Richmond Railroad Club by Prof. L. S. Randolph. The meeting will be held at Murphy's, beginning at 8:30.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

## JURY CONVICTS COUNTY OFFICER

Pohlman Given One Day in Jail and \$50 Fine for Shooting Negro.

A verdict of guilty, carrying with it a penalty of one day's imprisonment and \$50 fine, was returned yesterday by the jury of the Henrico county Circuit Court against County Officer J. P. Pohlman, charged with unlawfully shooting Percy Johnson, colored, on August 21, 1911. Johnson was shot in the back while fleeing from the officer, who had attempted to arrest him without a warrant. The jail sentence was merely a technicality, as Pohlman was released immediately after midnight, having been allowed to spend a short prison term in the company of his wife and friends.

According to Johnson, he was walking down Brook Turnpike early on the morning of August 21 when a man came running up behind him, shouting for him to halt. Instead of stopping, the negro said he began to run, whereupon the pursuer drew a gun and began to fire. Johnson was struck in the back and painfully wounded, but managed to reach home without being overtaken. He claimed total innocence of any wrongdoing, and insisted he did not know the pursuer was a policeman.

Officer Pohlman's account was different. He stated that he had started out to arrest Johnson for insulting a white woman at Barlow Heights, and while he had no warrant for Johnson's arrest, he believed he was acting in the line of duty in trying to prevent the escape of the negro.

The shooting of Johnson brought to mind other examples of free gun play in Henrico, as when Officer Puryear shot and killed a white man during the State Fair of 1910 in what was held by a jury to be an unlawful and unprovoked manner. Puryear was adjudged guilty, fined \$100 and deprived of his official employment.

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